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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

5. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein at least part of said container and said mode field transformer are disposed within a housing.

7. (Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said optical component includes an optical transmitter or an optical receiver or a fibre amplifier or a semiconductor amplifier or an arrayed waveguide grating or a planar silica waveguide.